GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4143
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
SETTING UP OF GANGA ACTION CELL
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Ganga Action Cell to save the river from contamination;

(b) if so, the composition of members of the proposed Ganga Action Cell;

(c) whether the Government propose to connect some other rivers with Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is a National River Conservation Directorate (which was earlier known as Ganga Project Directorate) functioning in the Ministry of Environment & Forests. This Directorate supervises the implementation of the National River Conservation Plan (which includes the Ganga Action Plan).

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Water Resources and the Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development in 1980 which envisages inter-linkages among various peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Plan envisages 17 water transfer linkages under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component and 14 water transfer linkages under the Himalayan Rivers Development Component. To follow it up, the Government of India have established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA), an autonomous society in July, 1982 to, inter-alia, carry out the water balance and feasibility studies of the National Perspective Plan. The names of all the proposed 31 inter-basin transfer linkages from the presently assessed surplus basins to the deficit basins are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN PART (c) & (d) OF ANSWER TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4143 DUE F
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LIST OF PROPOSED WATER TRANSFER LINKS FOR WHICH PREFEASIBILITY REPORTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY NWDA

Peninsular Rivers Development Component :

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link

2. Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijaywada) link

3. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link

4. Par-Tapi link

5. Ken Betwa link
6. Kalisindh - Chambal link

7 Pamba - Achankovil - Vaigai link

8. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna Nagarjunasagar) link

9. Godavari (Inchampalli low Dam) - Musi and Krishna (Nagarjunasagar Tail Pond) links
10. Damanganga - Tansa link

11. Bodti - Varda link
12. Netsavati - Hemavati link
13. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila)- link
14. Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar (Podattur) link
15. Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link
16. Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link
17. Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link

Himalayan Rivers Development Component

1. Kosi - Mechi link

2. Kosi - Ghaghra link

3. Gandak - Ganga link

4. Ghaghra -Yamuna link

5. Sarda - Yamuna link
6. Yamuna - Rajasthan link

7 Rajasthan - Sabarmati link

8. Chunar - Sone Barrage link

9. Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link
10. Brahmaputra - Ganga link (Manas - Sankosh - Tista - Ganga)
11. Farakka - Sunderbans link
12. Ganga - Damodaran - Sunernarekha link
13. Subernarekha - Mahanadi link
14. Jogighopa - Trista Faarakka link